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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF CHARGES TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

Applicants request a review of the charges to Deposit Account 50-2003 shown on the statement dated October 2005, for the above-identified application.

A copy of the monthly statement in which the error referred to occurs accompanies this request as *Exhibit A*. The questioned charges are highlighted.

11/10/2005 TL0111 00000051 502003 10605411  
01 FC:1202 800.00 DA

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02 FC:1202 750.00 CR

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**Relevant Facts**

This application was filed on September 29, 2003 with 36 claims. When the application was filed, Applicants erroneously claimed small entity status and paid the necessary fees for having 16 claims in excess of 20.

On September 30, 2005, Applicants filed an Amendment and Response to the first Office Action issued in the matter. After entry of the Amendment and Response, 35 claims remained pending in the matter.

A Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in this matter on October 20, 2005. The Notice of Allowance allowed the 35 pending claims.

On October 24, 2005, Applicants submitted, via facsimile, a Notice re Change in Status Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27(G)(2). The Commissioner was authorized to charge the required fee deficiencies to deposit account number 50-2003. *See, Exhibit B.* In the Notice, Applicants authorized the payment of an \$800 deficiency for having 16 claims in excess of 20.

On October 26, 2005, the USPTO credited deposit account number 50-2003 in the amount of \$144 (fee code 2202). Applicants believe this is a credit of the small entity extra claims fees originally submitted with the application. This fee reflects payment for having 16 claims in excess of 20. *See, Exhibit A.*

Also on October 26, 2005, the USPTO charged deposit account number 50-2003 in the amount of \$750 (fee code 1202). This fee reflects payment for having 15 claims in excess of 20. *See, Exhibit A.*

**REMARKS**

Applicants believe that the October 26, 2005, \$144 credit is in good order. However, Applicants believe that the \$750 fee (fee code 1202) for 15 extra claims should have been an \$800 fee (fee code 1202) in order to account for the 16 extra claims in the application as the time of filing.

Applicants respectfully request a review of the charges for this application. All necessary charges and credits are authorized to be made to deposit account number 50-2003.

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